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Kevin Day, Vice President
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Strata Solar, LLC
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RE: Gloucester Solar, LLC

Location: Gloucester County
Registration No.: 2017-S09

Dear Mr. Day:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), after consultation with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has completed its review of the November 30, 2017, application by Strata Solar, LLC for Gloucester Solar, LLC (Strata-Gloucester) for coverage under the Small Renewable Energy Project (Solar) Permit by Rule, 9VAC15 Chapter 60. Based upon this review, DEQ has determined that the application satisfies the requirements of 9VAC15-60-30 provided that Strata-Gloucester complies with the following:

- All commitments referenced within the Application Documents and supplemental information documents submitted via email on February 1, 2018 which include: (i) updated air quality report, (ii) buffer mitigation certification, (iii) updated threatened and endangered species review, and (iv) updated operation and maintenance plan;
- Coordination with DHR prior to installation of kiosk referenced in formal mitigation plan;
- Use of native plant species under panels and buffer area as proposed; and

- Submission as soon as practicable of final post-construction site map according to 9VAC15-60-70 A.

Based upon compliance with the conditions stated above, authority is hereby granted to Strata Solar, LLC to construct and operate Gloucester Solar, LLC, a photovoltaic project in Gloucester County on roughly 203 acres of land located on the east side of John Clayton Memorial Highway (Route 14) between Toddsbury Lane (Route 622) and Waverly Lane (Route 694) in Gloucester, Va., approximately two miles north of Dominion's Wan Substation; with a cumulative total generating capacity of 19.8 MW AC, in accordance with all Application Documents, supplemental documents and this letter of approval.

This authorization for construction and operation shall not relieve Strata-Gloucester of the responsibility to comply with all other applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to strict adherence to applicable state and local erosion and sediment control/storm water management laws and regulations.

In addition, DEQ strongly encourages Strata-Gloucester to incorporate the DCR Recommended Actions listed below:

- Development of a monitoring and control plan for invasive species, and;
- The planting of native pollinator plants in the buffer areas of the planned facility.

Strata-Gloucester must notify Mary E. Major, DEQ Office of Renewable Energy Permitting, of the actual date on which construction of the solar project commences and the date of operation as soon as practicable. Notification must be made 30 days prior to any transfer of ownership or operation of Gloucester Solar, LLC, according to the provisions of 9VAC15-60-100 A.

Please note that if Strata-Gloucester is later found by the DEQ not to qualify for coverage under the terms and conditions of the Solar Permit By Rule, then Strata Solar could be subject to action under the enforcement provisions of the Solar Permit By Rule (9VAC15-60-140) for operation without a permit.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date of the service of this decision to initiate an appeal of this decision, by filing notice with:

David K. Paylor, Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Office of Renewable Energy Permitting
Post Office Box 1105
Richmond, Virginia 23218

In the event this decision is served to you by mail, three days will be added to that period. Please refer to Part Two of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, which describes the required content of the Notice of Appeal, including specification of the Circuit Court to which the appeal is taken, and additional requirements governing appeals from decisions of administrative agencies.

If you have any questions concerning this authorization under the Small Renewable Energy Project Permit By Rule, please contact Mary E. Major at 804-698-4423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Dowd", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Dowd, Director
Air and Renewable Energy Division